

HOUSE RESOLUTION 312

By Brown

A RESOLUTION to commend Mark Epps II for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mark Epps II is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie F. Brown; Mark's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Tennessee State University (TSU), where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Epps has achieved academic success while majoring in political science, with a concentration in pre-law, and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an esteemed leader among his peers, Mr. Epps has participated in the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature as a TSU delegate, worked on Governor Phil Bredesen's 2006 re-election gubernatorial campaign, was the TSU liaison on the U.S. Senate campaign for Harold Ford, Jr., and is a member of the Collegiate 100 Black Men of Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mark Epps brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2008 session of the One Hundred Fifth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2008 legislative session, Mark Epps has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; well-grounded in the knowledge of the role, purpose, and structure of the Tennessee General Assembly, Mark took every opportunity to learn the processes and knowledge necessary for the House Education Committee to attain its goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Mark Epps II has demonstrated strong people skills and is well-liked by all who have interacted with him; and

WHEREAS, a mature and self-directed individual with excellent follow-through and a high level of accuracy in his work, Mark brought to his intern role an eagerness to learn and a capacity to work with challenging constituency issues; his exemplary written and oral communication skills conveyed an ability to communicate with diverse populations; and

WHEREAS, Mark Epps has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Mark Epps II for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Tommie F. Brown and extend to him our best wishes for every future success as he strives to become an attorney and, perhaps, even a legislator someday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.